Nizer - who he represents BR, PH 9/24/71

Until the spookery rescued Joel Kaplan I'd assumed that Nizer's position on the WR could be accounted for by a fast bucker seeing a fast buck, esp. in the benefit he might expect on cases he took before the Supreme Court. If they don't figure that way, having met Nizer and known of him earlier, I can visualize him doing it.

The first stories on the Kaplan escape identified him as the family's lawyer. Nothing exceptional in that either. He has a big rep and a large firm. Belli is the lawyer for Kaplan's sister, a remarkable coincidence, since he,too, is one of the unthinking, unknowning defenders of the WR when he also has no apparent need to fill that role. But it could be coincidence.

However, I have a new correspondent who has been following the Kaplan case for some years, has spoken to Nizer and apparently all the other many lawyers who have figured in Kaplan's case, including at least one lawyer from New York unidentified to me, who made more than one trip down to the jail in Mexico to see Kaplan.

There seems no doubt Kpalan was CIA and it is my information that Vidal, the man killed (the story has it not by Kaplan and perhaps not even Vidal) also was. I can't confirm this, won't try, and don't really care.

The thing that I find increasingly interesting with each minor thing I learn is the growing suspicion that Nizer may be one of the lawyers the CIA has salted away around the country. All sorts of them surface from time to time, if infrequently.

Now the Agency would be hard put to find one with less scruples than Louis the Loose-tipped. If he serves the Agency, in any capacity, he incredible self-display about the Warren Report, after his first self-deformation -and each succeeding appearance got worse - then this can make sense.

One incident from my past may bear on this. CR was not pleased with my debate with him on WOR. She had a proper intellectual approach, and I did, very much, loose my cool. But there are other measures. First, the station was so pleased with what I was doing to that courva that they ran the show to four hours instead of the agreed two, and Louis gave his assent by silence, I also agreeing aloud for it to be done. When they asked verbal agreement to the extension of the written releases we'd signed for repeated showings, again I also agreed aloud and they took his silence as assent. That show was aired four times, a total of 16 prime hours, and well advertised each time, paid ads in the Times. Nizer was visibly upset after the show. He had agreed to debate me on WHBW-TV, the show that I'd agreed to 12/5/66, when the four commission lawyers gave up their "Majority Report" show they'd asked for rather than meet me as the lone opponent. Nizer could have just not done that show. But he did, getting me kicked off and replaced by Lane. If you remember that show, Nizer was as terrified before the cameras ~~xxxxxxx~~ rolled and after they began as the rankest stage-frightened neophyte. He knew that even Lane would do him in. But he or someone also knew that Lane would be spendingall the time he could promoting his book, diverting the demolition of Nizer to do it. I have never been able to explain this to myself in terms of Nizer's ego. It was crazy for him to make this one scheduled appearance after that WOR show, which must have hurt him personally and among his peers. If we all sometimes do senseless things, it is hard to exempt Nizer in this premeditation of inevitable self-hurt. I think it possible he had a commitment other than a promise to the station to do that show. Whether or not, it is interesting that he had or has a CIA fund as a client and that it extended to a CIA agent connected with that fund. And that Belli filled a similar role on the west coast.

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